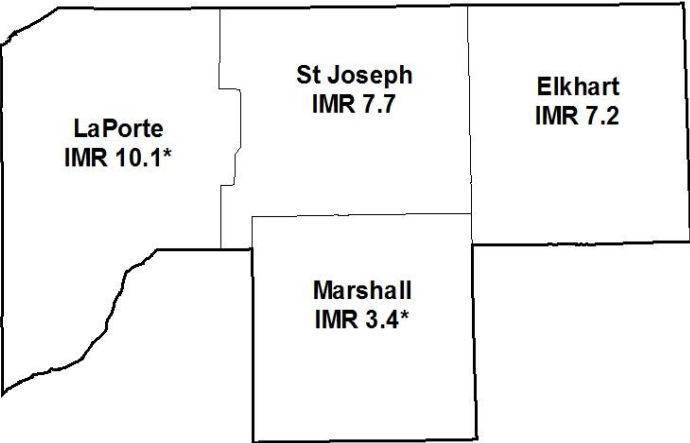


# INFANT MORTALITY

## NORTHERN HOSPITAL REGION 2012

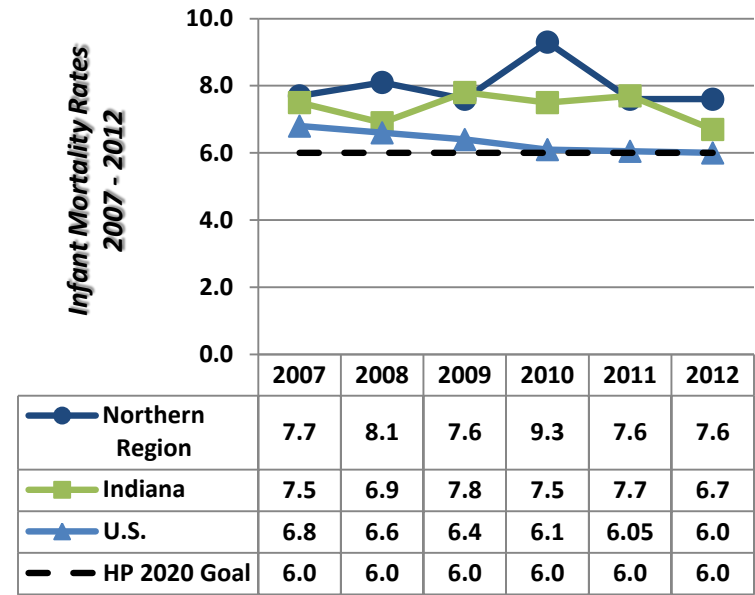
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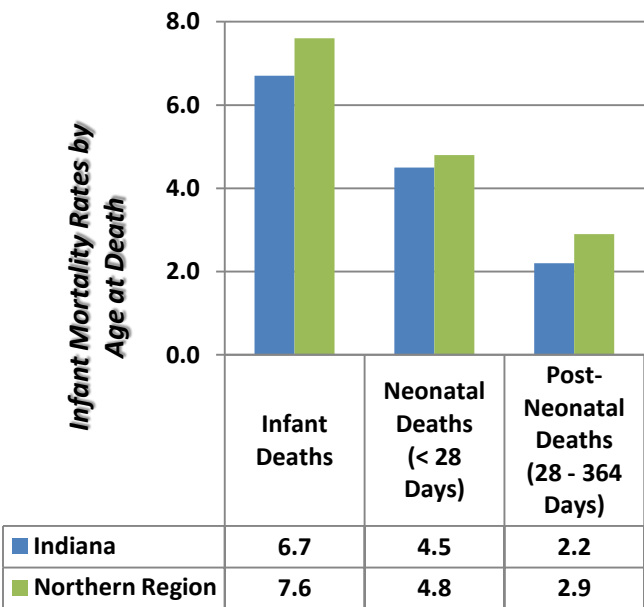
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### INFANT MORTALITY FACTS

- Infant mortality is defined as the death of a baby before his or her first birthday
- The infant mortality rate (IMR) is the number of babies who die in the first year of life, per 1,000 live births
- Of the 556 Indiana infant deaths in 2012, 64 occurred in the Northern Region
- Black infants are 2.7 times more likely to die than white infants in Indiana & 4.1 times more likely in the Northern Region



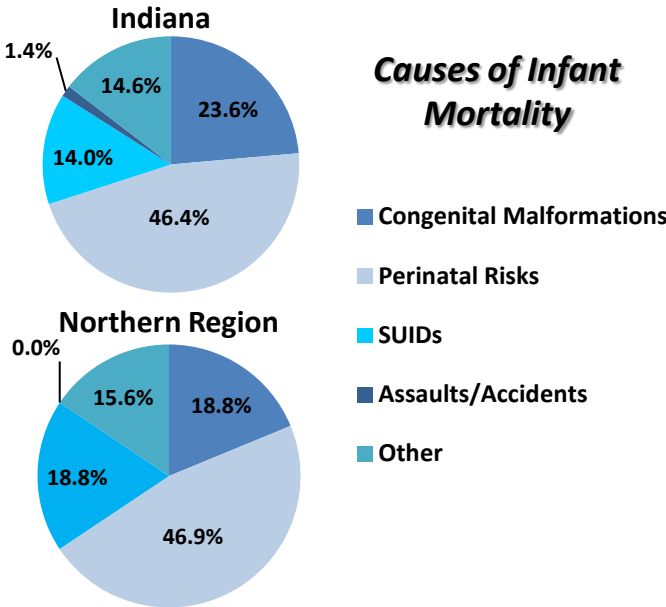
Note: U.S. 2012 rate is *PROVISIONAL*



### PRACTICES TO REDUCE INFANT MORTALITY

- Improve overall health for women of child-bearing age
- Promote early & adequate prenatal care
- Decrease early elective deliveries before 39 weeks
- Decrease prenatal smoking & substance abuse
- Promote safe sleep practices
- Increase breastfeeding duration & exclusivity
- Support birth spacing & interconception wellness

### Causes of Infant Mortality



# BIRTH OUTCOME INDICATORS

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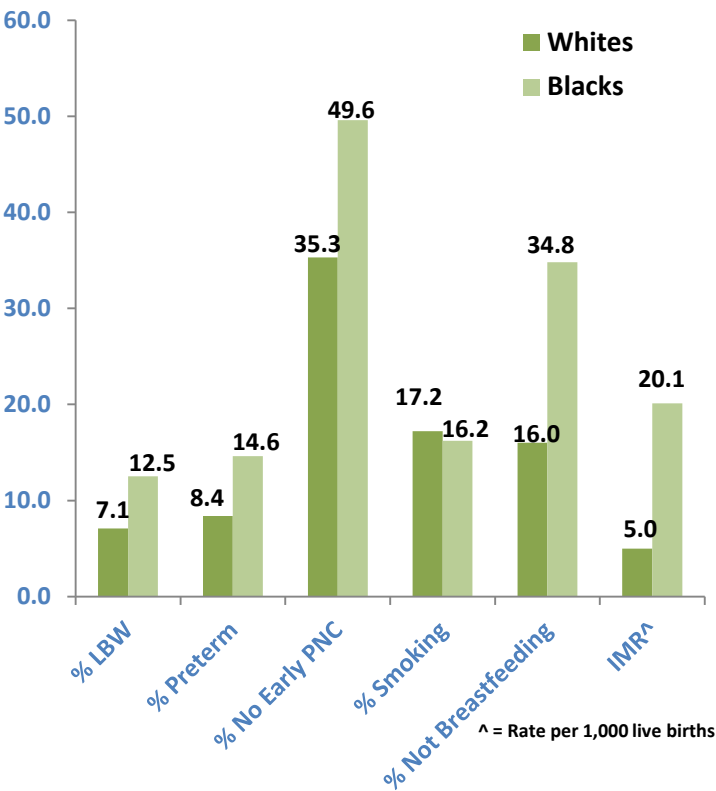
For more information on birth outcomes in your area, please see the Indiana State Department of Health Natality Report, Table 32 (<http://www.in.gov/isdh/reports/natality/2012/toc.htm>)

### INDIANA QUICK FACTS

- Smoking rates among pregnant women are always one of the nation’s worst
- Almost 1/3 of pregnant women do not receive early PNC
- Black women in Indiana are more likely to have a LBW or preterm baby & not get early PNC
- White women in Indiana are more likely to smoke during pregnancy

### NORTHERN REGION QUICK FACTS

- Lower percentage of LBW and Preterm babies than Indiana
- Fewer women receiving early PNC
- Similar % of women smoking during pregnancy
- More women breastfeeding at hospital discharge



LBW = Low Birthweight  
 PNC = Prenatal Care  
 IMR = Infant Mortality Rate

	% LBW ( < 2,500 G)	% PRETERM (<37 WKS GESTATION)	% NO EARLY PNC (1 <sup>ST</sup> TRIMESTER)	% SMOKING	% NOT BREASTFEEDING
ELKHART	7.6 3.8% Lower	8.7 9.4% Lower	39.3 24.4% Higher	13.5 18.2% Lower	15.3 37.3% Lower
LAPORTE	9.3 17.7% Higher	11.0 14.6% Higher	41.8 32.3% Higher	31.0 87.9% Higher	30.8 26.2% Higher
MARSHALL	6.2 21.5% Lower	7.0 27.1% Lower	39.6 25.3% Higher	21.1 27.9% Higher	20.0 18.0% Lower
ST. JOSEPH	7.5 5.1% Lower	9.2 4.2% Lower	34.3 8.5% Higher	12.7 23.0% Lower	15.6 36.1% Lower
NORTHERN REGION	7.7 2.5% Lower	9.2 4.2% Lower	37.6 19.0% Higher	16.4 0.6% Lower	18.1 25.8% Lower
INDIANA	7.9	9.6	31.6	16.5	24.4

•Bottom number is percent difference from State